

WEST LINN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING

NOTES

November 18, 2021

7:00 PM – Via Zoom Video Conference

Attendees:

Ed Schwarz, President Savanna Oaks NA and NAP Chair
Karie Oakes, President, Marylhurst NA & NAP Vice-Chair
Abby Farber, President, Rosemont Summit NA & NAP Secretary
Kathie Halicki, President, Willamette NA
Lydia Renner, Keisha Omlid, Co-Presidents, Skyline Ridge NA
CJ Koll, President Hidden Springs NA
Robert Jester, President, Barrington Heights, Hidden Creek Estates, & Tanner Woods Subdivisions NA
Mayor Jules Walters
William Relyea, City Council President and NA Liaison
Brenna Cruz, West Linn Emergency Manager

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by NAP Chair Ed Schwarz. A quorum of members was present.
2. **Approve Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda; a vote was taken to approve it and passed unanimously.
3. **Approve meeting notes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting notes for the September 2021 NAP meeting. The vote passed unanimously.
4. **Public Comments** There were no public comments.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Street Tree situation** – Ed S. reported that he was asked to follow up with the City on the status of replacing trees, mostly those damaged by the February 2021 storm. Attendees discussed issues including what constituted a “street tree”, what the City Code mandates, what the City Council has discussed. Bill Relyea noted that the Council is waiting for a final opinion on who will pay for the replacement.
 - b. **City Council Liaison** - Attendees broached with Mayor Walters that the City Council might consider changing the liaison positions with community advisory groups and the NAP to a “roving” position so that Council members could rotate among the groups, share the responsibility for attending meetings, and widen their contact with residents. Mayor Walters responded she’d bring the concept back to Council.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Discussion with Brenna Cruz, new City Emergency Management Coordinator** Ms. Cruz noted that she and other City Staff working on improving responses to emergencies across all City agencies. She’s also working with the County as well as special County districts to share and request resources. Attendees noted that the primary concerns are

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wildfire, storms, and earthquakes as well as better communications during emergencies. They also noted that all neighborhoods wanted resources on how to help themselves during the emergency. Also discussed were issues such as the City placing emergency generators in locations in each neighborhood, using ham radio operators, and creating teams of responders much like mountain rescue teams. Another topic of discussion was a fire hazard caused by unmown weeds at a private property near Savanna Oaks.

- b. **CDC Amendments – need volunteer.** Ed S. noted that volunteers are needed by the Committee for Citizens' Involvement to work on updating the CDC code, and that one volunteer should be from the NAP. No attendees volunteered.

7. Other Items of Interest:

- a. Update on Committee for Citizens' Involvement activity. Ed S. gave a brief update including the need for a volunteer and work on implementing HB 2001-related code changes.
- b. **Update from City Council Liaison** – Councilor Relyea updated attendees on issues including the appointment of Peter Mahuna as Chief of Police, Oppenlander Field, and how to pay for the \$9 million water line across the to-be-rebuilt I-205 bridge.

8. Items of Interest from NAP members:

Note – at the suggestion of Ed Schwarz, the secretary (Abby) is no longer taking notes of the individual NAP reports. If the group wishes these to continue, we can discuss at the January 2022 meeting.

9. Next meeting: January 20, 2022.

10. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at (approximately) 8:00 PM by Chair Ed Schwarz.